

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 9, 2008, in which the Examiner objected to claims 1 and 6, rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejected claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and stated that claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection and rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

As indicated above, the minor informality in claims 1 and 6 have been corrected. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner approves the correction and withdraws the objection thereto.

As indicated above, claims 1 and 6 have been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

As indicated above, objected to claim 3 has been incorporated into claims 1 and 6. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and allows objected to claim 4.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus, it now appears that the application is condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not now in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enters this amendment for purposes of appeal.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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